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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Masaharu NODA et al.

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For: NAV2 CHANNEL GENE-DEFICIENT  
NON-HUMAN ANIMALS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 22031

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on April 2, 2003, Applicants hereby elects Group I (Claims 1-4 and 24), drawn to null mutant non-human animals wherein the function of the Na<sub>v</sub>2 gene is deficient, and a method of using the non-human animal in screening.

It is believed that no fee is necessary for the filing of this Response. However, if any such fees are necessary, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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